

Application No. 09/618,066
Attorney Docket No. 5725.0656-00

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 157-161 and 168-174 are currently pending. Claims 157, 161, 168, 172, and 173 have been amended herein. Support for the amendment to these claims, specifying that R^3 may be chosen from C_2 to C_{36} hydrocarbon-based groups, can be found in the originally filed specification, for example on page 12, lines 14-15.

Further, in claims 157, 161, 168, 172, and 173, as amended, "and mixtures thereof" was deleted from the phrase "at least one polymer of formula (I) and mixtures thereof" because, as readily understood from English grammar, "at least one" renders redundant "and mixtures thereof."

In claims 157, 161, 168, 172, and 173, as amended, moreover, in R^4 , the phrase "hydrogen atoms" was replaced by "hydrogen" since hydrogen atom is a single entity, not a group of atoms, as one skilled in the art would readily understand.

The Abstract has been amended to more accurately describe the presently claimed invention. Support for the new Abstract can be found throughout the application as originally filed, and as discussed above. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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